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*His Excellency Sir Wm MacBean G.
Colborne, K. H., Commander in Chief,
unanimously Elected Chief of the*

HIGHLAND SOCIETY

OF

NEW-BRUNSWICK,

AT

MIRAMICHI.

11th March, 1844.

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Incorporated 11th day of April, 1846.



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23rd March, 1847.



At a General Court of DIRECTORS held at Little's Hotel, Chatham, this day, it was moved by Richard Hutchison, and seconded by David Johnstone, Esquires, and unanimously Resolved, That a Sub-Committee of four members be appointed for the purpose of preparing a PAMPHLET containing the Commission, Act of Incorporation, Constitution, &c. &c. of the Society, and such Bye Laws as may be considered necessary for the better management of the Society's business.

ALEXANDER FRASER, Jr. SECRETARY.

In obedience to the above Resolution, we have prepared the PAMPHLET, and now submit the same for approval, with a hope that it will give entire satisfaction to the society.

JOHN C. MACBEAN,
RICHARD HUTCHISON,
DAVID JOHNSTONE,
JAMES CAIE. } Committee.

Miramichi, 31st December, 1847.

*Thus & do hereby being President
of the Society.*

COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, The Highland Society of London was instituted in the year 1778, and incorporated in the year 1816, to associate together, in the British Metropolis, the Nobility, Landed Proprietors, and other Natives of the Highlands, together with their descendants and the Officers of Highland Corps and Gentleman connected by family alliance, or who have rendered some signal service to that part of the kingdom.

" For the preservation of the Language, Martial Spirit, Dress, Music and antiquities of the ancient Caledonians.

" For rescuing from oblivion the valuable remains of Celtic Literature.

" For the establishment and support of Gaelic Schools.

" For relieving distressed Highlanders at a distance from their native homes, and

" For the promoting the improvement and general welfare of the northern parts of the Island.

And WHEREAS the said Society, to extend the benefit of their institution, and to unite together in a central union their Countrymen, wherever situated, have resolved to issue Commissions for the establishment of Branches thereof in the British Colonies abroad, as well as in other places, abroad and at home where Highlanders are resident, and being extremely desirous that a Branch should be established in Miramichi, New-Brunswick: You are hereby authorised and empowered in pursuance of this Resolution, to found a Branch of the Highland Society of London at Miramichi, NEW-BRUNSWICK, accordingly, with authority to make such bye-laws as may be necessary for the management thereof, in conformity to the principles and rules of the said Society.

Given at London under the Seal of the Society, this 13th day of June, 1842.*

To His Excellency Sir William McBean G. Colebrooke, K. K. Lieut. Governor; James Gilmour and Alexander Rankin, Esquires.*

Adolpheus
President
By His Royal Highness
The Duke of Cambridge

*An ACT to Incorporate the Highland Society
of New-Brunswick, at Miramichi.*

Passed 11th April, 1846.

" WHEREAS, the Highland Society of London, instituted in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy eight, and incorporated by Act of Imperial Parliament in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, by its Commission bearing date the thirteenth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and forty two, given at London, under the Seal of the said Society, and directed to Sir William McBean George Colebrooke, K. H. Lieutenant Governor of the Province of New-Brunswick, James Gilmour, and Alexander Rankin, also of New-Brunswick, Esquires, after reciting among other things that the said Society, to extend its benefits, and unite together in a central union, Highlanders, wheresoever situated, had resolved to issue Commissions for the establishment of Branches thereof in the British Colonies abroad, as well as other places at home, where Highlanders are, and that being extremely desirous that a Branch should be established in New-Brunswick, at Miramichi, the said commission authorised and empowered the said persons to whom it was directed, to form a Branch of the said Highland Society of London, at Miramichi, New-Brunswick, with authority to make such bye laws as might be necessary for the management thereof in conformity to the principles and rules of the said Society; and whereas, in pursuance of the said Commission, the said Sir William McBean George Colebrooke, K. H. James Gilmour, Alex. Rankin and many other Gentlemen of the said Province did form themselves into a Society, in connection with the Highland Society in London; And whereas the said Society in this Province, from not being incorporated, is subject to many inconveniences, and is in consequence unable efficiently to extend and promote the benevolent objects of the Society."

Be it therefore enacted, by the Lieutenant Governor, Legislative Council and Assembly, That Alex. Key, Alex. Rankin, Hugh Munro, John Montgomery, Francis Ferguson, Thomas C. Allen, Alexander Fraser, Junior, Peter Morrison, John C. Macbean, John McDonald, Roderick McLeod, Donald McKay, George Kerr, and Neil McLean, and such other person or persons as are now, or may hereafter be admitted members of the Society, agreeably to the rules and bye laws of the said Corporation, their associates and successors, be, and they are hereby erected into a Body Corporate, in connection with the Highland Society of London, under the name and style of THE HIGHLAND

SOCIETY OF NEW-BRUNSWICK at Miramichi, for the purpose, in addition to the objects contemplated by the Parent Society, of extending relief to destitute Scotsmen, Scotswomen, or their descendants, and the education of their children, and for these purposes shall have and enjoy all general powers made incident to Corporations by the Act of the General Assembly of the Province, made and passed in the Reign of his late Majesty King William the Fourth; provided that the Real Estate which the said Corporation may hold at any one time shall not exceed the sum of two thousand pounds in value.

CONSTITUTION.

1.—The Title shall be THE HIGHLAND SOCIETY OF NEW-BRUNSWICK at Miramichi.

2.—That appropriations of the Society may in addition to the objects contemplated by the Parent Society, extend to [the RELIEF OF DESTITUTE Scotsmen, Scotswomen, or their descendants, and the EDUCATION of their Children.

3.—All persons *eligible* for Members of the Society, shall be Scotsmen, descendants of Scotsmen, or the Husbands of Scotswomen.

4.—The office bearers shall be elected annually, and shall consist of a PRESIDENT, THREE VICE PRESIDENTS, A CHAPLAIN, A TREASURER, A SECRETARY, AND TWENTY-FOUR DIRECTORS.

5.—The affairs of the Society shall be managed by a COMMITTEE, consisting of the Office Bearers, *seven* of whom shall be a *quorum*.

6.—Persons *desirous of becoming Members*, shall be proposed at any *General or Special Meeting of the Society or any Regular or Special Meeting of the Committee*, by one Member and seconded by another, and when elected, it shall be the duty of the Member who proposed such Candidate, to notify him of his election.

7.—The payment of *Five Pounds* shall constitute a *Life Member*, who shall be so styled in the ticket he receives ; and *Five Shillings* annually shall constitute an *Annual Member*, who shall be so styled in the Ticket he receives on admission.

8.—On admission, and payment of the sum requisite, or as soon after as convenient, every Member shall be entitled to receive a TICKET, bearing the seal of the Society, signed by the President and Secretary, with a Copy of the Rules of the Society, for which he will pay a sum agreed upon by the Committee.

9.—Every Member when once elected, shall be considered such until signifying *in writing* to the Secretary, his wish to *resign*, and pay up all arrears due by him to the Society.

10.—No person shall be eligible for an *Office Bearer* nor vote on any question of the Society, unless Life Members or Members who have paid up their annual subscriptions.

11.—In the event of a *vacancy* occurring in any of the offices, between the annual meetings, the Committee may appoint other persons to fill such vacancy at any regular or special meeting.

12.—There shall be a GENERAL MEETING of the Society on the *Thirteenth of January*, and in case that day fall on Sunday, the Meeting will take place the day following, (Monday) and a regular Meeting of the Committee on the *fourth Tuesday in March*, and the *second Tuesday in August* in each year.

13.—The General Annual Meeting, shall be HELD ALTERNATELY IN THE TOWNS OF NEWCASTLE AND CHATHAM, in either of which places, where such Meeting shall have been held, all the Meetings for the same year shall also take place.

14.—At the *General Meeting* of the Society, the TREASURER'S ACCOUNT, shall be submitted and audited by three Members, *not Office Bearers*, a REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS for the past year shall be made by the Committee, all the BUSINESS OF THE SOCIETY transacted, and OFFICE BEARERS for the ensuing year elected.

15.—NOTICE of all Meetings of the Society, whether Annual or Special, or of regular Committee Meetings, shall be given by the Secretary at least two weeks previous, in the LOCAL NEWSPAPER, in which shall also be inserted the ANNUAL REPORT of the Society.

16.—In order to keep up the national appearance of the Society, the Office Bearers, at all General Meetings, and on all public occasions, shall wear SCARFS of Highland Tartan, and a HIGHLAND PIPER shall be attached, who shall be under the direction of the Committee.

17.—In order to facilitate the business of the Society, it shall be in the power of any *five Members of the Committee*, or *ten Members of the Society*, by requisition addressed to the President, or in his absence, to any of the Vice Presidents, TO CALL A SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING of the Society, specifying its object.

18.—The number of HONORARY MEMBERS shall be limited to TEN, who can only be admitted at the Annual Meetings, having first been proposed to the Committee at least three months previous to the same, and such election shall be by ballot, five negatives to exclude such proposed Honorary Member's admission.

19.—The sum accumulated after defraying the necessary expenses, since organization to the present time, shall be made a PERMANENT FUND, to which shall be added all *donations* to the Society, not otherwise expressed by the Donors, and the admission fees, of such Life Members as desire it.

20.—The AMOUNT shall be voted at the General Annual Meeting for *expenditure* by the Committee in the course of

the year, however, not to exceed the Subscriptions for the past year, together with interest accruing from the Society's Stock.

21.—The Secretary shall have the custody of THE BOOKS, SEAL, PLATE, &c., &c., of the Society, whose duty it shall be at every Annual or Special Meeting of the Society or Regular Meeting of the Committee, to have the whole present for use or reference if required.

22.—A. ELECTIONS of office Bearers or VOTES of the Society, whether Annual, Special or Regular Committee, shall be viva voce, with the exception of Rule 18 for the admittance of Honary Members.

23.—In order to meet every possible emergency that may occur, it shall be competent for the Committee to make such BYE LAWS as may from time to time be found expedient for the better management of the Society's business; such Bye Laws shall first be submitted for the approval of the majority in attendance at any General, Annual, or Special Meeting of the Society.

24.—That none of the foregoing Rules shall be affected in spirit by any of the BYE LAWS that may from time to time be made for expediency, as provided for in Rule 23. Neither shall any of them be altered or repealed unless by the unanimous concurrence of a General Meeting of the Society, at which every Life Member shall be present, either in person or by proxy.

Passed 10th September, 1847

*Confirmed by the General Court
on the 13th January, 1847.
A. W. Frayser
Hon. Secy*

L. M., i.e. Life Members

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NAMES of SUBSCRIBERS.

1 Thomas C. Allan, Winkworth Allan James Anderson,	John Fraser, Restigouche Hugh Fraser 20 James Fraser Alexander Fraser, (tertius) K. B. Forbes Robt. Ferguson, Restigouche Hugh Ferguson 25 Alexander Ferguson William J. Fraser Robert Falconer John Fraser
5 John Boyd William Boyd John Baird	
James Caie Charles Campbell Alexander Campbell 10 Mathew Carruthers	30 James Gilmour, L. M. ✱ Alexander Goodfellow David Goodfellow Murdoch Gillies
Allan A. Davidson Alexander Davidson Alex. Davidson Oak Point 35 Ronald Davidson,	Richard Hutchison, L. M. Revd. W. Henderson, A.M. Simon Hamilton
	David Johnstone James Johnstone William Johnston, Chatham William Johnston
15 Alexander Fraser, Jun. L. M. Francis Ferguson, L. M. John Fraser	

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40 Alexander Key, M. D. L. M.
George Kerr

John Macdougall

Hugh McRae

Donald McNaughton

Malcolm McNaughton

Neil McLean

Alexander McRae

George McNeill

Rev. G. McDonnell, Bathurst

Alexander McBeath

William Loch
Alexander Loudoun
James Leslie

William Napier

Samuel H. Napier

45 Peter Morrison, L. M.
Hon. J. Montgomery, L. M.
Rev. John C. Macbean, A. M.
John Mackie

50 Thomas Mathieson
Peter Mitchell, Jun.
James Mitchell

Alexander Morrison
Benjamin Miller

55 John Miller, Gloucester
William Masson, Jun.
John McD. Martin
Donald Morrison

Roderick McLeod, L. M.

60 Alexander McLaggan, L. M.

Donald McDonald, L. M. 10

Alexander McKillop

Rev. Alexander McMarster

Donald McKay

65 James McDonald

John McDonald, J. P.

John McDonald,

John McKay

John McLeod

William McLeod

70 Donald McLeod

William McLeod, Kent

Hon. Alex. Rankin, L. M. //

Joseph Russell

George H. Russell

John Rennie

James Russell, Jun.

91 Peter Stewart
Angus Sinclair
John M. Stephens
Kenneth Smith

John Thomson, M. D.

95 John Wyse
Robert Weeds
Christopher Wishart
Thomas Weatherly

96 Members

REPORT

13th January, 1847.
of the Highland Society of New Brunswick,
at Miramichi, 1847.

Your Committee, in bringing before you a report of the transactions of the by-gone year, have much satisfaction in doing so under such favourable appearances, the number of members, and progressing increase of the Society's fund. The Society has also, since last annual meeting, acquired some very essential and permanent advantages, the result of much deliberation and trouble of sub-committees duly appointed for their respective duties, the several reports of which will be laid before you.

The Sub-committee appointed three years ago for the procuration of a suitable seal, admission ticket, plate, and books of record for the Society, experienced some unavoidable delay in the execution of the order. At last, however, all have made their appearance, and reflect much credit on the committee, as well as the designer, more particularly of such a superior Seal, quite in keeping with the benevolent, loyal and patriotic intentions of the Institution.

A sub-committee of five Members was appointed at last annual meeting, with instructions "to examine the constitution of the Society and to prepare such amendment or modification of the same as may appear to them necessary and to report to a special general meeting convened for the purpose of submitting such report."

The sub-committee held several adjourned meetings, prepared an amended constitution, submitted the same, as directed, to a special general meeting, convened at Hamill's Hotel, in September last, when its deliberations after careful consideration, were approved and adopted, and your committee have much pleasure in recommending the same as the CODE OF LAWS for the order and government of the Society.

In accordance with a resolution of the society a deputation consisting of Alexander Rankin and Peter Stewart, Esquires, M. P. P., waited on His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor soliciting His Excellency's acceptance of the office of CHIEF; since which a communication has been received from His Excellency, cheerfully responding to the request of the Society and proffering a donation of £5. Your committee have now much pleasure in naming as Chief of this Society, Colonel Sir William McBean George Colebrooke, K. H., by name and lineage a "Scotsman."

Your committee have to express its hearty congratulation to every member for the ACT OF INCORPORATION, granted by the Provincial Legislature, which your Committee hail as a bright omen in the annals of the Society, inasmuch as the accumulated funds can now be fostered and protected, and the benevolent objects of the Institution promoted on a more extensive and safe scale, which in times of vicissitude is absolutely necessary, and can now be effected by this charter

Your Committee, while endeavouring to impress on your mind, how essential to the well-being of the Society, harmonious and brotherly feeling, encouraged by extending the hand of good fellowship to each other, are, would also reverently remind you of the memories of the "departed dead." Two of our number, in the course of the past year, Hugh Monro, Esq., and Mr. Archibald Haddow, have gone "where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest," both well known to all, and well deserve our cherished remembrance of what they have been and what each in his place and sphere has done, not only for the society, but for the benefit of his fellow-men.

A communication has been received from His Grace the Duke of Buccleugh, President of the Caledonian Asylum, Islington, London, containing a detailed account of that institution, established 1813, for the education of the children of soldiers and sailors, which, until lately, only admitted Boys, 90 of whom were sharing its benefits; but in consequence of a resolution to admit Girls also, a very considerable addition has been made to the building, and the number augmented by the admission of 30 Girls, to participate in its charity, soliciting the benevolent consideration of this Society.

At the last annual meeting, the society granted its patronage to a Ball, which came off at Layton's Hotel on the 23rd February, and was conducted by the managers appointed by the society for that purpose, so as to reflect much credit on them for their exertions and attention, giving general satisfaction to the Members, as well as others who swelled the number on that occasion. The room was tastefully fitted up with appropriate national emblems and inscriptions, and the music of the evening interspersed with many favorite airs on the Highland Pipes, altogether enlivening and invigorating the whole frame of every true "Scot," reminding us of our "native Highland Home," and the hospitalities of our revered ancestors, and truly might we have exclaimed with the Bard of Fingal and Morven, "It sent the soul back to the ages of old, and the days of other years."

A sub-committee was appointed from the committee at

last meeting, to prepare Lunch for the close of this day's business, which has been attended to. Your committee recommend the society to grant its patronage to a Ball, to take place as may be deemed most convenient, under proper restrictions of the society, as hitherto.

Your committee, in departing from the resolution of last year, to hold the festival in New-Castle, do so under the conviction that by associating in one place the whole Meetings and Festivals for the season, will occasion less inconvenience, and meet more fully the rules of the Society.

The sum of £10 was placed at the disposal of the Directors, for the purpose of alleviating distress and education, but as no proper object presented itself, no money was drawn.

In conclusion, your committee would seriously recommend the cordial co-operation of each and every member of the society, in the advancement of the common interest and usefulness of the institution, to such objects as its charter warrants, with good will, patriotic zeal and sincerity so as to induce every Scot, except he

"Whose soul's so dead, who never to himself hath said,
This is my own, my native land,"

to, add his name and support to make us soon, what we hope to be, a worthy auxiliary to the parent Society.

OFFICE BEARERS for 1847.

CHIEF.—His Excellency Colonel Sir William MacBean
George Colebrooke, Lieutenant Governor of the Province.

PRESIDENT.—A. Key, M. D.

VICE PRESIDENT.—Alexander Rankin, Thomas C. Allan,
Hon. John Montgomery.

CHAPLAIN.—Rev. John C. Macbean, A. M.

TREASURER.—Thomas C. Allan.

SECRETARY.—Alexander Fraser, Jun.

DIRECTORS.—John Macdougall, A. McLaggan, John Fraser, Cross Point, Restigouche, R. McLeod, D. Johnstone, John Morrison, J. Caie, D. McNaughton, R. Hutchison, F. Ferguson, Bathurst, A. Davidson, Oak Point, D. McKay, J. Mackie, A. McKillop, J. Fraser, Newcastle, A. A. Davidson, John McDonald, Bay du Vin, George Kerr, William Henderson, A. M., Alex. Loudoun, A. Goodfellow, John Boyd, Joseph Russell, Wm. Loch.

Alexander McDonald.

BYELAWS.

1. In all cases of apparent emergency, the President, or either of the Vice Presidents, may direct the Secretary to call a Special Meeting of the Committee.

2.—Violations or infringements of any of the Rules, shall be punished by fines, suspensions from Office, or expulsions from the Society, as may be decided on by a majority of the Committee, at any regular meeting, subject, however, to a re-hearing at the Annual Meeting: all decisions at the annual meeting shall be final.

3.—The price of the Ticket and Pamphlet shall be as ordered in Rule 8, which, together with all fines, shall be paid to the Cashier, to be by him placed to the credit of the Society.

4.—It shall be the duty of the Secretary to read over the minutes of each meeting, prior to adjournment, as well as at the opening of each subsequent meeting the minutes of the previous meeting.

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